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SUBJECT: POSTPONEMENT GISCARD TRIP TO YUGOSLAVIA

REF: PARIS 26454

1. IF TITO'S HEALTH THE REASON FOR POSTPONEMENT OF GISCARD VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA NEXT WEEK, HE SHOWED NO OUTWARDLY APPARENT SYSTEMS TODAY DURING PROGRAM FOR HIS GUEST CEAUCESCU. TITO SEEN AND HEARD ON TELEVISION TONIGHT JOKING WITH ROMANIAN VISITORS, LOOKING TANNED AND RELAXED, AND SPEAKING WITHOUT DIFFICULTY. YUGOSLAV TV DID NO REPORT POSTPONEMENT, ONLY THAT FONMIN MINIC HAD EXCHANGE MESSAGES WITH GISCARD. EARLIER IN DAY WE OBSERVED TITO IN OPEN CAR RIDING THROUGH CITY WITH CEAUCESCU.

2. EMBASSY COUNSELLOR REQUESTED BRIEFING THIS EVENING FROM FRENCH FIRST COUNSELOR PIERRET AFTER RECEIPT REFTEL AND HEARING VIA BBC BROADCAST THAT GISCARD VISIT SCRUBBED UNTIL LATER DATE.

3. PIERRET SPECULATED THAT TITO'S HEALTH COULD BE A FACTOR, BUT THAT MORE LIKELY TITO AND YUGOSLAVS MIFFED AT FRENCH REFUSAL TO
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HAVE ANY PASSAGE IN GISCARD-TOTO COMMUNIQUE MAKING FAVORABLE

REFERENCE TO NON-ALIGNMENT, AFTER COLOMBO CALL FOR EMBARGO AGAINST FRANCE. FRENCH FONMIN HAD CALLED IN YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR IN PARIS THREE DAYS AGO TO GIVE HIM FRENCH VERSION OF COMMUNIQUE SANS THE POSITIVE STATEMENT OF NONALIGNMENT THAT GOY WANTED.

4. COMMENTS: WHILE IT SEEMS TITO WAS TIRED IF NOT MORE SERIOUSLY ILL AFTER COLOMBO (AND ANYTHING COULD HAPPEN TO 84-YEAR OLD MAN), NONETHELESS IT APPEARS TO US THAT, AS WE COMMENTED REGARDING HIS CANCELLATION OF INDIA VISIT, TITO COULD HAVE GONE THROUGH WITH HOSTING GISCARD IF HE HAD REALLY SO DESIRED. CLEARLY FRENCH IN DISFAVOR AMONG NONALIGNED ANYWAY, THEREFORE DIFFICULT FOR TITO TO ASSOCIATE WITH GISCARD SO SOON AFTER NONALIGNED SUMMIT. THIS, PLUS FRENCH INTRANSIGENCE ON COMMUNIQUE MAY WEIGH MORE HEAVILY AS A FACTOR THAN TITO'S HEALTH. OTHER POSSIBLE REASON MIGHT BE YUGOSLAV DISPLEASURE OVER EX-PRISONER VIDOVIC'S STATEMENT TODAY TO PRESS ABOUT TREATMENT BY YUGOSLAVS OF POLITICAL PRISONERS. FRENCH AUTHORITIES HAD BEEN PRESSING HARD FOR RELEASE OF VIDOVIC. (WE ARE REMINDED OF TITO'S REACTION TO PRESS STORIES ABOUT ANOTHER RECENTLY RELEASED PRISONER, LASZLO TOTH.) WE HAVE NO FIRM INFORMATION EITHER ON WHETHER REPORTED PRESENCE OF CARLOS IN YUGOSLAVIA PLAYED A PART IN POSTPONEMENT, BUT UNDERSTAND FRENCH HERE NOT AT ALL HAPPY WITH GOY HANDLING OF CARLSO SITUATION.
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